

Army Newswatch Lead Sheet

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Army Helps Secure Calloway Tract – Woodpecker Habitat

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A SHORT CEREMONY MARKED THE SUCCESS OF AN UNUSUAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMY, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

“This is the first time we’ve matched up our long-term and short-term conservation goals with the goals of the department of transportation -- to meet their mitigation requirements, as well as Ft Bragg’s goal of seeing this area work for encroachment - - so they don’t have a lot of houses built right up on their boarder. So when we say it’s a win-win the win-win is huge.” Catherine Skinner, NC Nature Conservancy AND SO WAS THE PRICE TAG. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PONIED UP 5 POINT 3 MILLION DOLLARS TO PURCHASE THE CALLOWAY TRACT.

CALLOWAY IS 25 ACRE STRETCH OF RARE LONG LEAF PINE FOREST THAT IS HOME TO SEVERAL COLONIES OF ENDANGERED RED COCADED - WOODPECKERS. TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS CHOSE TO PROTECT THIS SITE TO MAKE UP FOR HABITAT IT WILL DESTROY DURING UP COMING FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION.

LEADERS AT FT BRAGG PLEDGED PARTIAL SUPPORT OT THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE SITE WHICH BOARDERS THE POST.

“It’s important to us because number one; it’s the right thing to do. And more importantly it impacts our ability to continue to train.” Ft Bragg Garrison Commander

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE U-S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
WILL LEAD THE MANAGEMENT EFFORT, ENSURING A HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENT FOR THE WOODPECKERS AND THE LONG LEAF PINES,
JAVIER HERNANDEZ, FT BRAGG, NC.